

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 27-30 are all the claims pending in the application.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhao et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0191802; hereinafter “Zhao”), in view of Oki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,859,969; hereinafter “Oki”), further in view of Reisman (U.S. Patent No. 6,557,054).

Analysis of Claim Rejections

As noted above, claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhao in view of Oki, further in view of Reisman. For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 is amended to recite subject matter from claim 26 and paragraph 36 of the published application. Claim 26 is subsequently canceled. Claim 1 as amended recites an application service system for client devices on an intranet, comprising:

a service-providing server for registering applications for client devices on the intranet, said applications provided from a plurality of service developers through a wired/wireless communication network, and for providing an application selected from a list of registered applications according to information on the client devices installed in the intranet;

a service agent which automatically requests said list of registered applications at a predetermined interval;

an application service module which collects information on said client devices on the intranet,

wherein the service agent determines a list of collected applications from said list of registered applications based on the collected information on said client devices, the list of collected

applications comprising applications which are appropriate for the client devices on said intranet,

wherein the selected application is selected from the list of collected applications.

Zhao is directed toward servicing service requests that are requested by service users, such as home devices. Zhao discloses that the home devices are also considered service providers (paragraph 43 and 45). All internal services, such as services provided by home devices, are registered in a local UDDI registry, which is compatible with a public UDDI registry such as those from IBM and Microsoft (paragraph 48). When a service request by a service user is made, a database which contains a list of service providers is searched, and the service user selects at least one of the results of the search (paragraphs 48 and 50).

Oki is directed toward “a remote installation system and method for enabling a user to obtain any software through a communication line and automatically install it” (abstract). Specifically, Oki discloses that the list of software is displayed on the screen of a display from which a user selects an intended software and inputs it into a terminal, where the selected software is sent to a host computer (col. 7, lines 40-50).

Reisman is directed toward mass distribution of electronic information products (col. 5, lines 15-17). Specifically, Reisman discloses “providing a distribution service that distributes updates for a plurality of different **products**” (col. 5, lines 22-24; emphasis added). Reisman merely discloses updating “products” where the products have already been fetched to a user station. For example, Reisman discloses examples of products such as “magazines and periodicals, software applications and utilities, video games, business, legal and financial

information and databases, encyclopedias and dictionaries” (col. 1, lines 35-39). Reisman further discloses that “[where] updates are made available on a known schedule, a totally automated product can be provided that fetches an update without any user intervention, on the specified release date” (col. 8, line 50 - col. 9, line 16). That is, Reisman discloses a product that fetches updates for itself without user intervention on a periodic basis or schedule.

Neither Zhao, Oki nor Reisman, independently or in combination, teach or suggest collecting information on client devices, determining a list of applications which are appropriate for client devices, based on the collected information, and wherein a selected application is select from the determined list of applications, as recited in amended claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the applied references. Independent claims 5, 8, 14, 18 and 22 are amended to recite one or more features analogous to those discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 5, 8, 14, 18 and 22 are patentable at least for reasons analogous to those given above with respect to claim 1. Applicant further submits that dependent claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-13, 15-17, 19-21, 23-25 and 27-30 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 18 and 22, respectively.

Conclusion

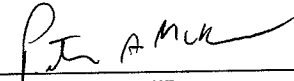
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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